

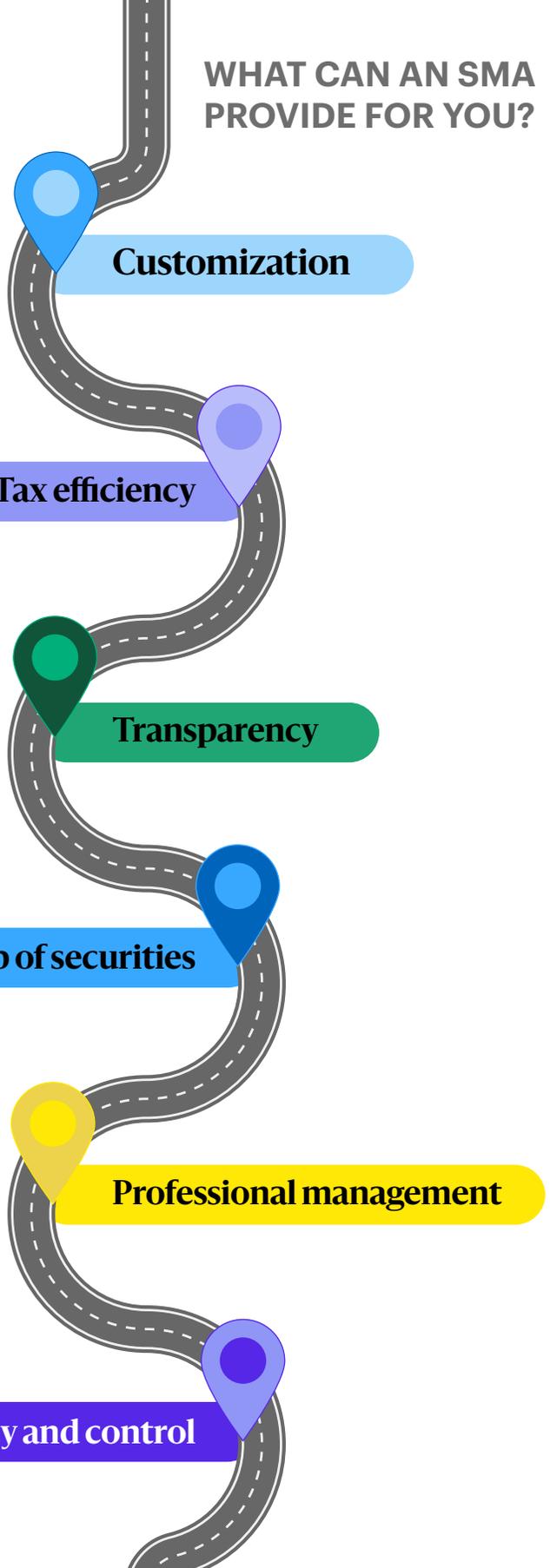
Investment vehicles: What is a separately managed account (SMA)?

An **SMA** is a professionally managed investment portfolio designed specifically for individual investors. Unlike mutual funds or exchange-traded funds (ETFs), where investors' money is pooled together, an SMA allows investors to directly own the underlying individual securities—such as stocks or bonds—within the portfolio.

For investors seeking to personalize their investing experience, consider these potential scenarios:

- Do you find yourself in a high tax bracket with significant tax-management needs?
- Are you looking for a portfolio that provides more customization to match your unique preferences?
- Is a large future financial windfall or potential tax liability on the horizon for you?
- Would having direct ownership of your holdings help you better manage concentrated stock positions?
- Does generating a consistent and reliable source of income through bond ladders interest you?

SMA's may provide the solution. **Follow the route** to learn more about the many potential benefits of SMA's.



While SMA's typically require a higher initial investment, their structure—where investors directly own the underlying securities—offers meaningful advantages, including a high degree of personalization, tax efficiency, transparency, flexibility, and control compared with other investment vehicles.



Distinctive attributes of SMAs, mutual funds, and ETFs

INVESTMENT VEHICLE	CHARACTERISTICS	
SMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Direct ownership of underlying securities + Customization capabilities + Often tax managed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Typically low to moderate cost + Transparency + Shielded from portfolio transaction costs and potential capital gains from other shareholder activity + Typically higher investment minimum
Mutual fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Periodic holdings reporting + Access to wide range of strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Daily pricing at net asset value (NAV) + May be impacted by portfolio transaction costs and potential capital gains from other shareholder activity
ETF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Tax efficiency + Intraday tradability + Typically low cost¹ + Ease of access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Lower investment minimums + Transparency² + Access to wide range of strategies + Shielded from portfolio transaction costs and potential capital gains from other shareholder activity

1. Both active and passive ETFs are typically more cost-effective when compared with other investment vehicles; however, passive ETFs have lower fees than active ETFs, on average.

2. Allspring's active ETFs provide daily transparency of holdings; however, not all actively managed ETFs are as transparent as passive ETFs.

To learn more about how you could potentially benefit from investing in an SMA, please contact your financial advisor.

Investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal. Stock values fluctuate in response to the activities of individual companies and general market and economic conditions. Bond values fluctuate in response to the financial condition of individual issuers, general market and economic conditions, and changes in interest rates. Changes in market conditions and government policies may lead to periods of heightened volatility in the bond market and reduced liquidity for certain bonds held by the fund. In general, when interest rates rise, bond values fall and investors may lose principal value. Interest rate changes and their impact on the fund and its share price can be sudden and unpredictable. Some funds, including nondiversified funds and funds investing in foreign investments, high yield bonds, smaller company stocks, and/or more volatile segments of the economy, entail additional risk and may not be appropriate for all investors. Consult a fund's prospectus for additional information on these and other risks.

It is possible that an active trading market for ETF shares will not develop, which may hurt your ability to buy or sell shares, particularly in times of market stress. Shares may trade at a premium or discount to their net asset value in the secondary market. These variations may be greater when markets are volatile or subject to unusual conditions. There can be no assurance that active trading markets for the shares will develop or be maintained by market makers or authorized participants. Shares of the ETFs are not redeemable with the ETF other than in creation unit aggregations. Instead, investors must buy or sell the ETF shares in the secondary market at market price (not net asset value) through a broker-dealer. In doing so, the investor may incur brokerage commissions and may pay more than net asset value when buying and may receive less than net asset value when selling. Investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal. Consult a fund's prospectus for additional information on these and other risks.

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